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Dearest Hubby in All the World: —

Somehow, lost, I have a vague feeling that my letters to you, last week, were very short and for that reason you may be disappointed. I feel as though I have not written to you just how much I love you, but, hubby love, as I told you I have been dreadfully busy sewing. I shall precious try to make it up with this letter.

On Friday I looked around at some furniture, too, but could see nothing at that price. I spoke to Mom about it and the two thought it best to wait until I come down. I shall leave it entirely to which ever you decide, for in either case I shall be satisfied. To me it only matters my going down. This is as Mom suggests. That you should have the rooms picked out and rented, and if you care to, have the furniture chosen and they can deliver it the same day that I come down, if I like it. Mom says that it is best to spend another $50 or so to get something that will wear. Mom also told me to write you that since Uncle Morris promised you the bed, and that should you decide to get the thing before I come to leave him go with you and make him fulfill his promise. I told Mom that you would take care of that but Mom insisted that I write you about it. Mom also said that $75 is too much for a dinner set and suggest that you leave that to me. I, too, think it best; we can for the time being get a few cups, saucers, & plates, and then when an opportunity comes & they cheap, we can do so. Then too, love, we would never in the wide world use 100 pieces. Not unless we gave a party — and that of course will come when we can afford it. Do you see, dear, perhaps it is best — that $16 we can use to better advantage. As to the chiffonier honey see if you can't get a chifferole instead — would certainly much more prefer it and it will besides looking prettier, it will be more practical as you will have more room for your things. This does not

in place of the dresser but instead of the man's old fashioned chiffonier. I know just how happy you feel when you look up the addis for it does make it seem so near. I said nothing about the library set, leaving that to you.

Honey, I received 3 letters this morning, because Saturday was a holiday. They were wonderful and I just love to get and read them. I can always feel you honey, after I have read them. I do, love, care for you so much and shall be very, very happy when once we are together.

Sewed, as I wrote you, all day Sat. & Sunday. I made a pretty blue dress, it looks wonderful until I put it on, ~~and then~~ it makes look so fat. Rose called me up and I told her about it – and what do you suppose she said, "Thats alright you can afford to look that way." meaning that I was so slim I can stand a little extra bulkiness. Talk about sarcasm. This terrible what I have to put up with now that you are not here. But never mind – it can't last much longer, can it precious?

About clothes, honey, you dont have to worry concerning the money. I shall have plenty – and for the dentist, too. So don't worry. Thanks, love, dear for the offer, you are a bon bon. And love dear, you can rest assured that you shall never have to sacrifice the shirt off your back for me. What you have, I shall have, and what I have, you too, shall have. Always we will work hand in hand and do for each other all that is possible. When you can give me luxuries, I know I'll never have to ask for them, and come what may, I shall always be at your side – happy, love, simply because I have you. You understand precious, it has always been first you, never because of what you may have given or will give. I shall always, always love you, precious, take care of you and you can rest assured that there will always be a good kiss and hug waiting for you evenings when you come home. One thing this separation has done, dear, it certainly opened up and laid bare your ~~or~~ hearts. It seems to me that since you went away my love for you has grown a thousand fold – perhaps it is because now I keep thinking and thinking about it. And, dear heart, you shall always be king – of course dear heart I must be your queen, and the baby dear shall be the prince of love. I feel as though no one could ever take your place. You will, honey love always, try

to make us happy and precious love, — it seems to me all like a wonderful fairy story. Indeed I know, love, just how much you love and long for me. I do not have to see it written on paper — for I simply judge your love by my own. Mean heart, I am certain we shall always be happy — and not that the time is ~~too~~ short, I feel as happy as a lark, don't you?

I am wonderfully elated over the no. of cases you are continually getting — even if they are small ones. They dear heart steadily lead up to the big ones. I can hardly tell you the joy I experienced over R. Talyor's kindness, and I see you have by now pretty nearly disposed of them all. did you get any money from that negress, who was up to see you last Sunday? We hope so precious. When I read of the manner in which you were conducting your collection cases, it more than pleased me. Just as you say, you will gain new clients and make friends where other might make enemies. And love you sure did make out well, financially, that week. I think 12 is simply wonderful. I wonder if Dr. Goodeph has made that in the entire time he is in practice. This week will even be better, judging from the cases you had. Now dear, you simply have done wonderfully well, and I am proud of you.

Whom do you think would black-ball you in the masonic lodge? After all, I think you did the wisest thing. I was delighted when I read about Bernatch & his nephew's offer to help you, as I thought perhaps you might prevent that black ball being passed. Never mind dear, love, you just join any other lodge you may care to enter and a short time will see you a mason, too. The dear seems to be wonderfully nice to you, advising you so kindly in everything. The certainly takes a keen interest in you, doesn't he darling — not that I blame him. Give him my kind regard to him, love, and my thanks for all his kindness. Just as soon as I get my self together, after reaching Memphis, you'll introduce me to him, won't you, honey, as I am very anxious to meet him.

Precious, you would scarcely believe we were I to tell you the change for improvement which has come over mam, dear. She is certainly her old self again, and we are all very happy over it. We had quite a letter from Friday, mother

Saturday morning. I felt in the best of spirits because I felt every thing was definate concerning my going down to you: you can rest assured, love, I shall keep your waiting after the first of May. Mama said to me, "Frances I promised you Silver Candle Sticks as a wedding present, but now I can't give them to you, but you can have my small brass ones if you care for them." I told her I certainly should love to have them and dear, I shall alway take care of them!

The plate that I told you of, was ordered by Mama dear herself. It is a large gold plate, engraved as follows - as near as I can remember it. Sacred to the memory of Jacob Freedman born - " died ". May his soul rest in peace and then comes the Hebrew blessing. It is beautiful. There is a space in which can be placed a picture. Mama said "N" for it, but the feelings of Lena & Bertha I gave it to Mama at cost price. It is enclosed in a frame, and can be hung on the wall, but as it is very heavy Mama places it on top of the china closet. It is the first thing that strikes your eye when you come in the door. I have spoken about it love, when it came, and then Rose told me that Mama had placed the order. It happened to come while Mama was ill, so Rose & I decided to hide it away until she felt better, but no sooner was she up than she found it and was quite angry because we did not show it to her when it came. It exists. You could see it love, it is quite handsome.

As to Lolly's badness, I know he is wearing your uniform but he promised me to take it back this week. I only see him for a short time on Friday nights and the letter that I see of his he is as usual. He keeps talking about going down to Memphis all the time - and informs me that I will not be able to go down without him. Of course, I do not contradict him simply tell him "I was" Zeider is certainly becoming restless about his transport. Mama dear, says she hates to think of the time I am to leave it Zeider has not heard definately about his transport. I guess he feels as though we out homes wants him to leave and so are not working for it. Mama says she always sends your letters to him and he himself reads of the hard on Russians in the newspapers.

My mother was more than delighted when I told her of how fine you were getting on. I read her that part of your letter in which you mentioned her. You have no idea how pleased she was. I wish you could enclose a letter note to my mother in one of your letters to me. I could see how happy she was particularly when I read to her that you would have a home ready for me. I believe you have done remarkably well. Pop has been working very, very hard last week. He doesn't so you can imagine how hard he worked. I sure do feel terribly about it. They are extremely busy where he is working but he had Sat. & Sunday to look forward to as they worked neither of those days. Well, honey may postpone her trip for another month & hope she leaves it to May, when we can both go down to gether. She is just as funny as ever, and yesterday while we both had our trials and tribulations with our sewing she kept me screaming all the time with her humor. You see Barney and she are going to stay in furnished apart. and of course that makes things easier. If Barney does not make out so well, Nell is going to work for a short time. I believe he is an awfully good kid, and I sure do look for him.

Honey, you remember Will Freedman Barney's brother, the husband of Mollie. He is very sick & is now in an asylum incurable. Insanity - isn't that terrible honey? He has little baby. It was shameful how his wife treated him when he became ill. She wanted to have nothing to do with him and wanted to just leave him to live or die. For that reason, the family are not able to give Barney the help they promised. Ben Freedman happy to call up last night and I answered. I sure told Ben with a lot of flavor!

As to Saige's announcements, she sent one addressed to both of us to mom's house. About worry about a gift. I figured to give her $5 for both of us, but Rose & I decided to give her a gift between us amounting to $5 so you see how that will leave us off pretty cheap. Mom is sending her a little gift and your mother insists on giving her $10 which is what Aunt Rosie gave us. Rose asked me to I had my veil as Saige wants to wear it. The veil itself is all torn and crushed, she could not use it, but could use the wreathe. If she wants it, I guess I'll let her have the loan of it, as her mother certainly helped out Rose

at our wedding. What do you say, Jack? I do wish that you were here, for as usual, I shan't enjoy myself without you.

This morning, too, besides your 7 letters, I received one from Aida. I never saw such an unfortunate girl. Always miserable. I feel so awfully sorry for her and wish I could do something for her. I would like to see her settled in my job and will try my hardest to land it for her. She is working very hard, being now registered there four hours. She was stopping with her aunt there, who gave her all the comforts of a real home, but she took ill with pleurisy and died. Can you beat that, Jack!?

Guess the "Flu" there, Jack. Do take care of yourself and should you find yourself feeling ill see the doctor immediately. Remember your promise to me to take good care of yourself. If you don't!!!!!! ——————!!!! You know Mr. Knoll? He had the "Flu" and was quite sick. He is up and around, now, however.

I had rem. up to see Kay & Wendal and Helen, to-morrow night. Nell too, will be there.

Well, Jack, I hope this letter will cheer you up and make you feel happy. I feel as though I have made a miserable attempt this time and failed. We have been dreadfully busy to-day, and I have been doing my best to write between jumps. If Jack, I have not done so, well, forgive it and think of the size of the letter.

I shall write to uncle & Mr. Lagnar at my earliest opportunity. Tell them how busy I am and assure them it is not neglect that keeps them from receiving an answer.

With all my love, hugs and kisses to my darling precious hubby with whom I shall soon be and when I long to be with, I'll close,

As Ever
Your loving
Wifie.